

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 5, 15 and 23, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and please amend Claims 1-4, 11-14 and 19 as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A control system, comprising:

a control apparatus adapted to receive an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from the controlled apparatus, and to display the operation panel on a display unit; and

an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus,

wherein said control apparatus includes a receiving unit adapted to receive a control signal from the operation apparatus, and a control unit adapted to determine whether to ~~transmit~~send a first command for operating the operation panel, or to send a second command for operating the specific function from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus,

wherein ~~said the control unit is adapted to determine,~~determines, according to the control signal, whether the first operation unit or the second operation unit is ~~being~~ operated, and

wherein ~~the control unit is adapted to transmit~~ the first command is sent from said control apparatus to the controlled ~~apparatus,~~apparatus if it is determined that the first operation unit ~~is being~~ to be operated, and ~~to transmit~~ the second command is sent from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus if it is determined that the second operation unit ~~being~~ to be operated, and

wherein the control unit updates the operation panel using data sent from the controlled apparatus to said control apparatus in response to the second command.

2. (Currently Amended) A control system according to Claim 1, wherein said control apparatus ~~is adapted to determine;~~ determines, according to the control signal, which one of ~~plural~~ display elements in the operation panel is operated.

3. (Currently Amended) A control system according to Claim 1, wherein said control apparatus ~~is adapted to determine;~~ determines, according to the control signal, whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

4. (Currently Amended) A control system according to Claim 1, wherein said control apparatus ~~is adapted to determine~~ determines whether or not to ~~transmit~~ send the second command from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

5.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A control apparatus that receives an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from said controlled apparatus, and displays the operation panel on a display unit, said control apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit adapted to receive a control signal from an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus; and

a control unit adapted to determine whether to ~~transmit~~ send a first command for operating the operation panel or a second command for operating the specific function from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus,

wherein said control unit ~~is adapted to determine;~~ determines, according to the control signal, whether the first operation unit or the second operation unit is ~~being~~ operated, and

wherein ~~said control unit is adapted to transmit~~ the first command ~~is sent~~ from said control apparatus to the controlled ~~apparatus;~~ apparatus if it is determined that the first operation unit is ~~being to be~~ operated, and ~~to transmit~~ the second command ~~is sent~~ from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus if it is determined that the second operation unit is ~~being to be~~ operated, and

wherein said control unit updates the operation panel using data sent from the controlled apparatus to said control apparatus in response to the second command.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A control apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said control apparatus ~~is adapted to determine;~~ determines, according to the control signal, which one of ~~plural~~ display elements in the operation panel is operated.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A control apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said control apparatus ~~is adapted to determine~~; determines, according to the control signal, whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A control apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said control apparatus ~~is adapted to determine~~ determines whether or not to ~~transmit~~ send the second command from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

15.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method ~~performed in~~ of controlling a control apparatus that receives an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from the controlled apparatus, and displays the operation panel on a display unit, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a control signal from an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus;

determining whether to ~~transmit~~ send a first command for operating the operation panel or a second command for operating the specific function from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus;

determining, according to the control signal, whether the first operation unit or the second operation unit is being operated;

~~transmitting~~ sending the first command from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus if it is determined that the first operation unit is ~~being to be~~ operated; and
~~transmitting~~ sending the second command from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus if it is determined that the second operation unit is ~~being to be~~ operated;
and
updating the operation panel using data sent from the controlled apparatus to the control apparatus in response to the second command.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19, further comprising the step of determining, according to the control signal, which one of plural display elements in the operation panel is operated.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19, further comprising the step of determining, according to the control signal, whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 19, further comprising the step of determining whether or not to transmit the second command from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

23. (Cancelled)